

**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****In the PATENT APPLICATION of:****Koiwai et al.****Application No.: 10/001,397****Confirmation No.: 1943****Filed: October 25, 2001****For: LENS BARREL HAVING A FLARE  
DIAPHRAGM WHICH CAN ADVANCE INTO  
AND RETREAT FROM THE OPTICAL PATH  
TO ELIMINATE DELETERIOUS LIGHT  
RESULTING FROM MOVEMENT OF THE  
LENS****Group: 2873****Examiner: Timothy J. Thompson****Our File: IPO-P1132.1****Date: April 16, 2008****SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

This Reply is being timely filed in response to the Office Action dated June 12, 2007 and a telephone conversation with Examiner Ed Westin conducted on December 11, 2007.

Please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as follows: